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1. ECON/COMM COUNSELOR PASSED INFO REFTEL A TO TED WOODFIELD OF TRADE POLICY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY. HIS REACTION WAS RELAXED. WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD ANY COMMENTS HE REPLIED THAT U.S. POSITION WAS "UNDERSTANDABLE".

2. ECON/COMM COUNSELOR RECALLED RECENT NEWS ON NZ/AUSTRALIA NAFTA RELATIONS (REFTEL B) AND OBSERVED THAT IT WOULD APPEAR FROM REPORTS THAT GNZ MIGHT ALSO BE CONCERNED OVER LACK OF INCREASE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF BILATERAL TRADE COVERED BY NAFTA. WOODFIELD REPLIED HE DIDN'T NEED TO COMMENT ON THAT, MEANING HE COULDN'T AGREE MORE.

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3. COMMENT: IT IS EVIDENT AUSTRALIA'S ACTIONS
REGARDING NAFTA COMMITMENTS HAVE BECOME A SOURCE OF
GROWING FRICTION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AT LEAST
IN THE TRADE AREA, AND THIS AREA IS IMPORTANT TO NZ.
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